

UNIVERSAL PREVENTION

The South Dakota Department of Social Services and the Department of Health actively work with numerous partners to provide prevention awareness and education to youth, families and adults across South Dakota's communities. Supported activities are evidence-based and in alignment with SAMHSA's Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit.


KEY PARTNERS:


- Prevention Resource Centers
- Community-Based Prevention Providers





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STRATEGIES


 Deliver evidence-based opioid awareness and education programming to middle- and high-school youth as well as community members at large in partnership with community-based coalitions and the Prevention Resource Centers across South Dakota. Events and activities range from in-school programming to community-specific conversations, training events, or town halls.


 Support South Dakota communities as they build capacity and establish multi-sector partnerships to address the opioid epidemic at the local level. Plan and execute community-specific conversations and training events.


 Provide education on safe disposal strategies for unwanted, unused, or expired medications.


 Support public awareness efforts that feature personal testimonials from individuals with lived experience that reflect the cultural and geographic diversity of South Dakota.

 Collaboration with organizations faced with unique challenges in combating the opioid crisis, including outreach to funeral home directors for family education on proper medication disposal, outreach to realtors on at-home medication storage solutions, and outreach and education to veterinarians to increase awareness around potential misuse of pet medications and safe storage and disposal options available.

 Coordinate trainings for prevention professionals in early intervention, which focuses on screening and brief interventions for substance use problems at an early stage.

 **More than 4,400 individuals** have participated in locally-delivered prevention training or town hall meetings.

 **A total of 62 prevention professionals** completed early intervention training in 2021-2022.

 **Over 10,100 youth** have been impacted by evidence-based prevention programming in schools or after-school settings.

If you or someone you know is struggling with opioid addiction – don't wait. Reach out.

www.AvoidOpioidSD.com
Treatment Resource Hotline
1-800-920-4343

To learn more about prevention activities across South Dakota, please contact DSS, Division of Behavioral Health at 605-367-5236.

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